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FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, March 14.

Dublin Castle, March 4, 1786.

His Majesty, by his royal letters, having appointed Charles Dillon, Esq; now called Charles Dillon Lee, to be of his most Honourable Privy Council of this kingdom, he this day in Council took the usual oaths, and his place at the board accordingly.

Commission signed by his Majesty for the army in Ireland, dated the 14th of February, 1786.

8th Regiment of dragoons, Mr William Gale to be Cornet, vice Trotter, resigned.

13th Regiment of dragoons, Lieutenant Henry Connor Gambleton to be Captain, vice Murray, resigned. Cornet Lord Charles Henry Somerset, from 11th royal regiment of dragoon guards, to be Lieutenant, vice Gumbleton.

14th Regiment of dragoons, Cornet Charles Norman to be Lieutenant, vice Crawford, resigned.

17th Regiment of dragoons, Mr John Monkhouse to be Cornet, vice Tucker, promoted.

1st Battalion of royal, Lieutenant George Berry, from British half-pay of 26th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Bloomfield, exchanged. Mr William Douglas to be Ensign, vice Wallich, promoted. Reverend Miles Beever to be Chaplain, vice Church, resigned.

4th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant James Wilson, from British half-pay of the late 86th regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Grant, exchanged.

6th Regiment of foot, Captain William Abercromby, from British half-pay of the late 72d foot, to be Captain, vice Bull, exchanged.

7th Regiment of foot, Mr Brabazon Dean Vernon to be Ensign, vice Armstrong, resigned.

9th Regiment of foot, Mr William Weller to be Ensign, vice Tindall, promoted.

61st Regiment of foot, Mr Richard Digby to be Ensign, vice Squire, promoted.

2d Regiment of horse, Mr John Barwell to be Cornet, vice Reynell, promoted. Dated September 30, 1785.

L O Y D 's L I S T, March 14.

CAPTAIN DOWLAND, of the Kitty, arrived at Port-Cmouth from Alicante; on the 11th ult. in lat. 38° 36'. long. 12° 40'. spoke the Jupiter, Marshal, from London to Cape de Verd Islands; and on the 27th ult. spoke the Holland ship, bound to Batavia N E 12 leagues from the Lizard. Wind at East.

Captain Kennedy, of the Mary, arrived in the river from Lisbon; on the 21st ult. spoke the Lady Cathcart, Stupart, for Jamaica, S W from Scilly 20 leagues.

The William, Webb, from London and Ostend to Nantz, was stranded the 22d or 23d ult. near Roscoff; it is hoped the greatest part of the cargo will be saved.

The Jenny, Steele, from Greenock to Antigua, drove on shore the 21st ult. on the Isle of Aran, six miles from Lamal; the people saved, and most of the cargo will be got out, but it is feared the ship will be lost.

H O U S E of C O M M O N S.

MONDAY, March 13.

WENT through in Committee the shop-tax bill with several amendments. To be reported to-morrow.

Report was made from the Select Committee to determine the undue election for Seaford, that the election was deemed void, and a new writ was ordered out for another election.

Deferred the county election bill to this day seven, and the Gibraltar bill to Thursday.

Deferred ways and means and the supply to Wednesday.

Received and read a petition from the hawkers and pedlars of Kendal against their tax bill. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Hughson, from the Exchequer, presented accounts of monies issued to Duncan Campbell, Esq; for the support of the convicts. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Alcock, from the Excise in Scotland, presented two accounts of the produce of taxes, which were referred to the Select Committee to inspect the accounts of the public revenue.

Mr Powell, from the Customs, presented accounts of the revenue on coals.

Mr Norton, from the East India Company, presented several papers with a list, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the maturing bill.

The Secretary at War moved, that a clause be inserted, "that all officers by brevet should be subject to trial by Court Martial."

Sir Charles Gould supported this idea. The question on the clause was then put and agreed to.

Mr Dundas gave notice, that on Wednesday next he would move for leave to bring in a bill for explaining and amending an act of the 24th year of his present Majesty, for the better government of India.

Mr Francis observed, that matters of the greatest importance were likely to engage the attention of the House much about the same period. These were, the objects of finance, the explanation and amendment of the India act, and the impeachment of Warren Hastings, Esq; He considered each of these points as meriting the attention of the House. He thought they therefore justified a motion for a call of it. He therefore took the liberty to move, that the House be called over that day fortnight.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer could not help remarking some form of inconsistency in the Hon. Member who had made the motion. When he had moved himself for a repeal of the India bill, he had not considered a call of the House to be necessary; but now, when this act was only to be explained and amended, he conceived a call of the House to be most indispensably requisite. He could not easily account for this variety of conduct in the Right Hon. Gentleman. The matter to which Mr Burke had directed the attention of the House, seemed to him to be of great importance, and to justify, in some respects, the motion under contemplation. If he should have matters in such forwardness as to be able to submit them to the discussion of the House about the time the call was intended, he would not oppose the motion. At the same time he would reserve the right to himself of bringing forward in the mean time any matter of finance, as a public concern, notwithstanding his concurrence in the motion for the call.

Major Scott had only four papers to call for relative to Mr Hastings, which he was convinced would occasion no delay. He hoped that some assurance would be given by the Hon. Gentleman (Mr Burke) of his bringing forward his impeach-

ment about the period of the proposed call of the House.

Mr Burke declared, that the going through a period of thirteen years, collecting the facts relative to the subject during that time, and arranging in the form of charge, was no matter of easy accomplishment. He had, therefore, undoubtedly a right to do this with caution, and agreeable to his own convenience.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer wished that he should fix a period for his bringing forward his business as nearly as possible.

Mr Burke said, that the period he would fix for this business was this day three weeks. At that time he would move the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the charges against Mr Hastings; and that he should submit what he had collected from verbal testimony on the subject. The names of the witnesses to be adduced on the trial, he would state in the House to-morrow.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, conceiving this to be sufficient reason for delaying a call of the House, proposed that instead of this day fortnight, the words to-morrow three weeks be inserted.

Mr Fox judged this no argument for setting aside the original motion, as it was pushed for other reasons than the impeachment of Mr Hastings.

Mr Francis persisted in his former opinion.

The gallery was then ordered to be cleared; but no inclination having appeared to persist in the idea of dividing the House on the question of amendment it was put immediately, and carried.

Mr Fox declaring himself dissatisfied with the decision on Monday last, relative to the production of papers, containing the correspondence between Mr Hastings and Major Brown, then at Delhi, gave notice, that he would bring forward this business again on Friday next.

A motion being made that the Speaker do leave the Chair for the purpose of resolving itself into a Committee on the Militia bill, Messrs Joliss, Pye, and Rolle, said a few words, expressive of their wish that time might be given, and that the business might not be precipitated. Mr Rolle in particular said, that he had been informed by his constituents, that there were clauses in it objectionable. He hoped, therefore, that the blanks at present would only be filled up in the Committee, and that the report would not be made to the House with precipitation.

The motion was then put, and the Speaker left the Chair. The blanks were filled up, the House adjourned, and adjourned till to-morrow.

L O N D O N, March 14.

Last night there was a most numerous meeting of the retail dealers of London, Westminster, and Southwark, at the London Tavern. Mr Alderman Skinner took the chair, and addressed the meeting in a short and elegant speech. He said he had flattened himself, that on this night he should have had to congratulate them on their relief from the heavy and partial impost, which it had been so long the object of their endeavours to repeal. He was sorry however, to say, that their efforts had been in vain.

They were now met to consider what further they should think it advisable to do, and to see whether any means could yet be imagined to make the burden less severe.

Mr Stock then proposed several resolutions: These motions, after considerable debate, were severally agreed to. The Committee recommended this temperate course; but a general spirit of resistance to the tax seemed to prevail; and many Gentlemen declared their determination to suffer their goods to be taken, rather than tamely submit to a burthen, which, from its partiality, they could not consider as a constitutional tax, but as an amercement of the industrious and overburthened body of men on whom it was laid. This disposition to resistance, however, the Committee studied to correct, and the resolutions were carried.

They then unanimously voted their thanks to the Chairman for his zealous and active endeavours in their service, and also the Committee.

Lord Mansfield has frequently confessed the inexpediency of our debts laws; and it is confidently said, that his Lordship means to finish his legal career with a concise code of reformation.

Lord Cornwallis, it is said, does not go out to India till Mr Burke's charges against Mr Hastings are either substantiated or confuted.

Saturday last Mr Aberdeen, Purser of the Rockingham, Captain Blanchard, for Bombay, received his final dispatches from the India House.

The Hillsborough, Hardcastle, Royal Charlotte, Price, and Rockingham, Blanchard, sailed from Gravesend on Friday for the East Indies.

A correspondence of rather a rude sort, has passed between Mr Mayor, of Boston, and an English Officer, who had the direction and care of some victuallers in that harbour; from which it appears that the Americans mean to exclude all British bottoms, unless some concessions are made to them by the commercial treaty which has been so long depending.

Last night Dr Delap's tragedy called the Captives was acted for the third time at Drury-Lane Theatre. The audience was not numerous, but heard the piece with an attention and candour which did them honour. At the conclusion of the fifth act, when Mr Kemble came on to give out the performance for this evening, great numbers called out "no more! no more! off! off! off!" After standing some time amidst the confusion, he retired, and Mr King made his appearance; he was heard with some difficulty; but on giving out the Heires for this evening, and the Distress'd Mother for Thursday, met with his usual applause. — Mrs Siddons then spoke the Epilogue with great spirit; the allusions in it, which supposed the Play to have been successful, were received with the loudest acclamations of approbation by the spectators.

It was said in the box-lobby afterwards, that The Captives were condemned.—Requiescant in pace.

On Tuesday night died, at her house on Richmond-Green, the Lady Viscountess Fitzwilliam, widow of Lord Viscount Fitzwilliam.

On Sunday morning died, at his house in Picca-

dilly, William Style, Esq; Colonel of the 3d regiment of foot, and Lieutenant-General in his Majesty's service. This respectable veteran was in most of the actions in Flanders since the battle of Dettingen in 1743. He has left a considerable fortune to two young ladies and their mother.

Madam Mara's benefit was uncommonly crowded last night by a most brilliant audience; the money received for tickets, it is said, amounted to near 700 guineas.

Yesterday, at Guildhall, No. 7384 was drawn a prize of 1000*l.*

No. 21,669, and 4351, prizes of 500*l.*

No. 35,040, a prize of 300*l.*

And the following prizes of 50*l.* each:

No. 41,563, 25,546, 31,458, 9420.

This day, at Guildhall, No. 7367 was drawn a prize of 500*l.*

No. 30,863, and 4366, prizes of 100*l.*

And the following prizes of 50*l.* each:

No. 6580, 2105, 3753, 3253, 48,488, 13,458,

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PRICE of STOCKS, MARCH 14.

Bank Stock, flat.

Ditto 175*l.* —

India Stock, —

3 per cent. Ann. —

India Bonds paid, —

Ditto unpaid, 56 prem.

Navy Bills, 2*l.*

Exch. Bills, 10*l.* prem.

Lottery Tickets, 30*l.*

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Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh, in behalf of themselves and the community of the said City,

Do most humbly beseech your Majesty,

That it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Right Honourable the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Lord President of the Court of Session, the Lord Chief Baron of his Majesty's Exchequer, the Lord Justice Clerk, all the other Senators of the College of Justice, and Barons of Exchequer, the four Baillies, Dean of Guild, and Treasurer of the said City of Edinburgh, and Convener of the Trades thereof, and their successors in office, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and appointed Commissioners for assessing and taxing all and every the inhabitants residing within the ten parishes of the City of Edinburgh, in any sum not exceeding the sum of 3 l. per centum per annum of their houses and possessions, being 1 l. per centum per annum of addition to the 2 l. per centum per annum which hitherto has been in use to be levied and collected from a part of the inhabitants, for supporting the Poor of the said City of Edinburgh.

And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the first meeting of the said twenty-eight Commissioners shall be within the New Session House of the City of Edinburgh, upon the first Monday of August after the passing of this act, at twelve o'clock noon, and that they shall meet annually upon the said first Monday of August, at the same hour; at each of which annual meetings, the said twenty-eight Commissioners, or the majority of those who shall be present, shall, and they are authorized and required, by authority aforesaid, to inspect the books and funds under the direction of the Managers of the Charity Workhouse, and shall have full power, and they are authorized by authority aforesaid, to assess, and order to be levied and collected, the said 3 l. per cent. of the valued rents, or such part thereof as they may think necessary for supporting the poor in the year then next ensuing; or, for that purpose, if they shall find it necessary, they may adjourn the said annual meeting to the Monday following, being the second Monday of August, at the same place and hour, which, by authority aforesaid, they are hereby empowered to do.

And be it enacted, by authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, at all their meetings, shall have full power to elect a Preses; and which Preses shall have his own, as well as the casting or decisive vote, in case of an equality of votes.

And whereas the members of the College of Justice, comprehending a great number of the inhabitants, and whose property and possessions are a great part of the valuation of the city, claim an exemption from any legal contribution for supporting the poor, in virtue of certain supposed privileges, altho' they elect annually 18 out of 96 managers of the Charity Workhouse and the Poor's Funds; be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, in order to prevent disputes in time to come, That all and every the inhabitants, of whatever description they may be, within the ten parishes of the said City of Edinburgh, occupying a possession valued at or above the sum of 1 l. 13 s. 4 d. Sterling of yearly rent, shall be subjected in payment of a rateable proportion of whatever yearly sum shall be so assessed and ordered to be levied and collected by the said Commissioners, in manner aforesaid, according to the valued rent of their respective houses and possessions.

And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid tax, not exceeding 3 l. per centum, shall be proportioned agreeably to the valuations to be ascertained from time to time by the Surveyors appointed for proportioning the land-tax among the heirs of the City of Edinburgh; and that the Magistrates of the said City of Edinburgh, from time to time, shall, and they are empowered, by the authority aforesaid, to direct such execution for payment of the said tax, as they are in use to direct for payment of the land-tax.

And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the Collector for the land-tax of the City of Edinburgh, shall be appointed Collector for levying the annual sums to be assessed and imposed by the said Commissioners, who shall find caution for his intromissions, and who shall, from time to time, make payment of the monies so to be collected by him, to the Managers of the said Charity Workhouse for the time, or to any person authorised by them, whose discharge shall be a sufficient exoneration to such Collector.

And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons shall be entitled to the Poor's Funds of the said city of Edinburgh, who at the time, by residence or otherwise, shall be entitled to the Poor's Funds of any other parish by the laws of this realm: And that the Lord Provost and Magistrates of the said city of Edinburgh, shall have full power, and they are hereby authorised to transmit all and every indigent person or persons, residing, or who may reside, within the city of Edinburgh, who shall not be entitled to the Poor's Funds thereof, and who are not able to support themselves and families, to the respective parish or parishes who by law are obliged to support them.

And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the said twenty-eight Commissioners, or the majority of them present at the aforesaid annual meeting on the first Monday of August, shall have full power and authority to elect annually an officer, with a salary not exceeding the sum of fifty pounds Sterling, for the purpose of making a survey of the inhabitants of all descriptions residing within the aforesaid ten parishes, and who shall, twice in every year, make a full list of the inhabitants, distinguishing them as he shall be directed, and deliver a copy thereof to the Managers of the Charity Workhouse: and that the said officer shall likewise take such measures for preventing fraudulent claims upon the Poor's Funds as from time to time he shall be directed to do by the said Commissioners.

And be enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That

the said lists so to be made by the officer, shall not, by themselves, be sufficient to support any claim of residence; but that a certificate of residence shall also be necessary, and given, by a Minister and two Elders.

And whereas there are 96 Managers of the Charity Workhouse annually elected by the Magistrates and Council, and different Societies in the City of Edinburgh, of whom the Ministers and Sessions of each of nine parishes within the City elect two; and whereas the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council, have lately erected and endowed a parish and church in the extended Royalty, called St Andrew's, whose Minister and Session have no representative as Manager of the said Charity Workhouse: Be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the Minister and Session of the said church of St Andrew's, and of any other who may be erected and endowed, shall have full power and authority to elect, annually, two of their number, for each parish, to be Managers of the said Charity Workhouse, and Funds belonging to the Poor.

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, for themselves, and on behalf of the community, shall have full power and authority to form and complete a street 80 feet wide, in the line of Queen Street in the extended Royalty, from that street to Broughton Loan; and, for that purpose, that they shall have full power and authority to agree with the owners and occupiers of such houses and grounds as lie between, Broughton Loan and the said street called Queen's Street, 80 feet in breadth, and 50 feet on each side of the said intended street of 80 feet in breadth, and to purchase the premises at such prices as shall be agreed on by the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the said owners and occupiers respectively, and to order the said houses to be pulled down, and the areas and ground to be employed in such manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council shall appoint, for the forming and completing the said street to Broughton Loan.

And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, for themselves, and on behalf of the community of the said City, shall have full power and authority to enlarge the Burial-ground within the City of Edinburgh; and, for that purpose, that they shall have full power and authority to agree with the owners and occupiers of such houses and grounds as lie adjacent to, and on the west side of the present Burial-ground in the Grayfriars Church-yard, and to purchase the premises at such prices as shall be agreed on by the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the said owners and occupiers respectively, and to order the said houses to be pulled down, and the areas and ground to be employed in such manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council shall appoint, for enlarging the aforesaid Burial-ground within the said City.

And whereas the removing the buildings from that part of the High Street of Edinburgh, commonly called the Luckenbooths, the Prison, and the Weigh-house, at the head of the Lawn-Market Street, will be a great benefit to the Citizens, and an ornament to the City; be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that so soon as a new Prison, and also a Bridewell, or House of Industry for the City of Edinburgh, shall be begun to be built and erected, that the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, for themselves, and on behalf of the community, shall have full power and authority to agree with the owners and occupiers of the houses, ground, and areas, situated upon the said High Street, known by the name of the Luckenbooths, and to purchase the premises at such prices as shall be agreed on by the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the said owners and occupiers respectively, and to order the said houses to be pulled down, together with the aforesaid Weigh house and Prison, in order that the High Street of Edinburgh may be widened and made more uniform.

And whereas it may happen, that some person or persons, bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, or trustees or others, who are seized of, or entitled to some houses or grounds which may be necessary to be purchased, pulled down, converted or disposed of for the purposes of this act, may be willing to treat, and agree to sell such houses and grounds, in order to perfect so useful and necessary a work, but are incapable of granting and conveying the same, by reason of infancy, or other disability, by tailies, or otherwise; be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid—

[Here will be taken in the clauses relative to such purchases, and relative to persons refusing to treat and agree, as contained in the act of the 25th year of the reign of his present Majesty, for building a Bridge over the Cowgate, &c.]

And Whereas, by an act passed in the 25th year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled, "An act for opening an easy and commodious communication from the High Street of Edinburgh to the country southward; and also from the Lawn Market to the New Extended Royalty, on the north; and for enabling Trustees to purchase lands, houses, and areas for that purpose; for widening and enlarging the streets of the said City, and certain avenues leading to the same; for rebuilding or improving the University; for enlarging the Public Markets, and communications thereto; for regulating certain Taxes; for lighting the said City; for providing an additional supply of water; for extending the Royalty of the said City; and for levying an additional sum of money for statute labour in the middle district of the county of Edinburgh;" it is enacted, in case the said Trustees shall not have funds sufficient for making the Bridge over the Cowgate, and communication to the north end of Nicolson's Street, and that any sum or sums of money shall be due to them at balancing their books, as mentioned in the aforesaid act, that whatever balance or sum, not exceeding 10 l. per centum of one year's valued rent, which shall be due to the said Trustees on account of the said Bridge and communication from the High Street, south to the north end of Nicolson's Street, the same shall be paid to them, with the legal interest thereof, by the

proprietors of the City, of Edinburgh, South and North Leith, Canongate and Pleasance, and of the Eight Districts on the south side of the City, to be levied in the same proportion, and along with the land-tax to be paid by the said proprietors, in the way and manner as particularly mentioned in the said act of the 25th of his present Majesty;

And whereas, in order to enable the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, to widen the said High Street, and to take away the said Luckenbooths, Prison, and Weigh house, it will be proper to give them the probability of a fund for that purpose; *but therefore enacted*, by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees for making the said Bridge over the Cowgate, and communication from the High Street to the south, in whatever state the situation of their funds may be, and whether there shall be a deficiency or not, shall have full power, and are hereby authorized, to demand, levy, and collect from all and each of the proprietors of the City of Edinburgh, South and North Leith, Canongate and Pleasance, and of the Eight Districts on the south side of the City, a sum of money, not exceeding 10 l. per centum of one year's valued rent, as the same shall be ascertained for payment of the land-tax, in the same way and manner as they are entitled to demand and levy the same, in the event of their funds being deficient to the amount of the said 10 l. per centum; any thing in the before recited act of the 25th year of the reign of his present Majesty notwithstanding.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said proprietors shall not be liable to pay these Trustees any further sum, than to the amount of the said 10 l. per centum, upon any account whatsoever.

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Trustees for opening the communication from the High Street to the south, by a bridge over the Cowgate, shall account for the amount of the aforesaid 10 l. per centum of the aforesaid yearly valuation, to the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, and shall make payment to them, or to the City Chamberlain in their name, of the amount of the aforesaid 10 l. per centum of the said valuation, after deducting such part thereof as shall be due to the said Trustees at balancing of their books, in manner mentioned in the aforesaid recited act; the said sums to be applied by the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, for widening the said High Street, and taking away the Luckenbooths, the Prison and Weigh-house, and to no other purpose whatever.

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the purchases shall be made, the Royalty of the City of Edinburgh shall be extended over, and comprehend the houses and areas to be purchased in virtue of the powers granted by this act.

[Here will be taken in clauses in Sections 65th and 66th, and also Section 20th, of the aforesaid Act.]

Be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That this Act, in so far as it relates to the purchasing of houses, buildings, and grounds, shall continue and be in force until the 1st day of January, which will be in the year 1797, and no longer.

And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be deemed and taken as a Public Act, and, as such, shall be taken notice of by all Judges, Justices, and others, in all courts and places, without specially pleading the same.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY. POOR'S RATES.

TO THE PUBLIC.

IT was to be expected, that the two words *Poor's Rates* would sound an alarm louder than the *Five Bell*, and that, however plain the motives of opposition might be, all concerned would disavow them. It is not our money (say many people) — it is not little or narrow notions that influence us — In saying so, however, they clasp their hands instinctively on their breeches pocket. — Thea follows a lecture on the abuse of Rates in our neighbouring kingdom — the restless ambition of our chief Magistrate — the lust of power and patronage in the Town Council, with the mismanagement of the city Revenue. — To this are added strange stories of jobs, partialities, politics; of king bridges bow down, in compliment to the Lord President, &c. &c. all hatched, without the least mixture of truth, or even pretext for a mistake.

The chief Magistrate, however, will probably shine on his native firmness of mind — his independent spirit, animated by the purest principles, has hitherto supported, and will continue to bear him nobly forward.

The heads of the dreaded Bill are now published, and those who have been loudest in the cry must blush to read them.

People who imagined, and confidently asserted, that the intention of the Magistrates of Edinburgh was to introduce *Poor's Rates* into this country, were prodigiously mistaken. — *Poor's Rates* were established in Scotland by act of Parliament, in the reign of James VI. (6th Parliament, James VI. c. 74.) soon after the act of Elizabeth, which made them part of the Police of England, and the regulations of the Scottish statute were borrowed from the other.

By the act of James VI. the Magistrates of Edinburgh, and other Burghs, were authorized to tax and flet the hall inhabitants, according to the estimation of their substance, to such contribution as should be thought expedient and sufficient to sustain the poor; as also, to appoint collectors for that purpose.

Now the declared object of this bill is to deprive the Magistrates of this extensive power, and to place a new and limited power in other hands.

A rate of two per cent. upon the valued rent has been immorally raised in this city, for behoof of the poor.

Another object of the bill is to add one per cent. to the present assessment, so that the rate will be

thereby raised one per cent. in two hundred years. Even this sum is not to be raised, without necessity. Three per cent. is only specified as the maximum, and no more can be demanded. Is there a human being that can complain of this, or tax the proposal with impropriety or extravagance!

By the act of James VI. a settlement of the Poor, or a title to be supported, could only be gained by birth, or seven years residence. An inference from the words of a posterior statute of Charles II. (1st Parl. Ch. II. sess. 3. c. 16.) reduced the residence to three years; and that circumstance has loaded Edinburgh with half the beggars of the kingdom. This error is meant to be corrected, and the principles of the old law restored.

In place of an increase of city patronage, the Magistrates are to deprive themselves of the very appointments with which they were entrusted by the Legislature of Scotland, and to place them in the hands of the Lords of Session and Barons of Exchequer. The Town desires no power, no influence, and as little management as possible in the business.

The Lawyers and the Writers have declared war against the bill, before they knew its contents, or what they were to combat. Charity, say these Gentlemen, is a very good thing in itself; but it happened to be quite inconsistent with our dear, inherent, invaluable, and unalienable privileges. By these we are discharged from all laws, divine and human, made in behalf of Charity. We will pay when we please, and what we please; but we will not be bound to pay a sixpence.

This reasonable pretension of the gentlemen of the law, our Magistrates are immediately to put to the test; and, in so doing, they will certainly have the good wishes of the public. Every inhabitant of Edinburgh will cheerfully pay an additional pound for the pleasure of seeing an end to such an odious distinction. At present, a part of the community pays two pounds per annum, while the most opulent body of proprietors pay nothing at all.

It is now boldly asserted, that our Edinburgh lawyers have created their own privileges by the same means that those of Rome created a certain donation to the Church, i. e. by taking them for granted, and constantly talking about them, without the least enquiry into the truth of their existence; and that, upon looking behind the curtain, these gigantic pretensions vanish like Italian shades.

The only ground of their exemption from Poor's Rates, upon reflection, seems to be, that as the law itself is a great maker of beggars, it is really forcing the profession into inconsistency, to oblige them to alter the line by supporting these kind of people.

HUGO GROTIUS.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, March 17.

	First.	Second.	Third.
Wheat,	19 s. 0 d.	18 s. 0 d.	10 0 d.
Barley,	15 0	14 0	13 0
Oats,	12 9	11 6	10 0
Pease,	13 0	12 0	9 6

ARRIVED AT GRANGEMOUTH, March 13. Experiment, Duncan, from Hull, with goods; Papof, Holm, from Christiansand, with timber and deals; Bonny Lassie, Ure, from Alloa, for Glasgow, with sundries.—14. Friends Endeavour, Hatton, from Perth, with peats; Elizabeth, Caichness, from Anstruther, with peats; Three Friends, Crear, from Inverness, with aquavitæ and goods; Margaret, Paterson, from Aberdeen, with oats; Tibby, Dalrymple, from Aberdeen, with oats and barley; Elisabeth, Frazer, from Cromond, with rod iron; Jessie, Stephen, from Kirkcaldy, for Glasgow, with barley and malt; Jean, Napier, from Leith, for ditto, with sundries.—15. Nancy, Rollo, from Dundee, with sundries; Elizabeth and Ann, Key, from Montrose, with linens and yarn; Good Intent, Doug, from ditto, with barley and linens; Isobel, Gowans, from ditto, with barley and malt; Friends Increase, Niven, from Dundee, with grain.—16. Glasgow, Walker, and the Paisley, Duncan, both from London, with goods; Lady Charlotte, Ferrier, from Leith, for Glasgow, with sundries.—17. Nancy, Liddle, from Alloa, with barley; Glasgow, Shaw, from Borrowstounness, for Glasgow, with goods.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK, March 14. Elizabeth, McKellar, from Drogheada, with goods; Mally, Duncan, from Dublin, with ditto.—15. Glentachen, Sloan, from Olai, with flates and herrings; Helena, Crawford, from Virginia, with tobacco; Jean, Rich, from Anan, with wrecked goods; Three Busses with herds. Sailed, March 15. Helena, Stewart, for Dublin, with goods.—16. Betty, Young, for Newfoundland, with ditto; Peggy, Mc Kinlay, for Dublin, with ditto.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, March 16. Loveli Mary, Gardner, from London, with goods; Friendship, Donaldson, from Hull, with ditto; Suan and Jean, Clark, from Alemouth, with grain.—17. Margaret, Ramay, from St. Lu air, with salt, wine, and fruit; Diligen, Butler, from London, with goods.—18. Two sloops with coals. Sailed, Jean, Brown, for Glasgow, with goods.

A Person who has been some time in business, WANTS A PARTNER immediately. The returns are quick, and the profits considerable. No great sum will be required, and very little attendance. For particulars, enquire at the Publisher.

Not to be repeated, or inserted in any other paper.

Sleep and Pasture Farms.

In the Parish of Crawford, and County of Lanark.

TO LET.

HERE are to be LET for the space of nineteen years, or such other period as can be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday 1786.

I. The Farm of GLENTEWING, presently possessed by William Noble, being part of the barony of Crawford, and presently rented at 40 l. a year.

II. The Public House of ELWANFOOT, presently possessed by Alexander Hutchison. This house is well situated for business; it lies upon the great road from Glasgow to Carlisle, by Moffat and Dumfries, and upon the road from Edinburgh to Dumfries by Thornhill; and as the house and offices have of late been found too small for the

Furnished House,

In the County of Edinburgh.

To be LET for such time as parties agree, and entered to immediately, or at Whitunday next,

The HOUSE of FALLA, Furnished, with the Garden. It is situated in a pleasant country, where there is plenty of game, about eight or nine miles from Edinburgh, and the stage coach to London goes every day by the door. The tenant may have such quantity of ground as he inclines.

For particulars enquire at Sir John Dalrymple Hamilton McGill, Baronet, the proprietor, at Oxford Castle.

Houses in Canongate.

To be LET and entered to at next Whitunday, that large elegant DWELLING-HOUSE, on the south side of the Canongate, immediately below the entry to Mr Crichton's coach-lane, possessed by Mr Cornelius Elliot, consisting of a sunk floory, three other stories, besides garrets, all in good repair, and the rent only 40 l.

ALSO, the Dwelling-House first door of the turnpike immediately below Mr Elliot's, consisting of dining-room, drawing-room, and three bed-chambers, kitchen, and other conveniences; and a small Dwelling-House, entering from the close below.

Apply to Peter Milne at Mr Ramsay's, clerk to the signet.

HOUSES FOR SALE.

To be SOLD within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 30th of March 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

That DWELLING-HOUSE, being the third storey of that tenement of land, lying upon the south side of the High Street, betwixt the head of Forrester's Wynd and the back of Bess Wynd, consisting of five rooms, kitchen, and garret, with a back-house adjoining, consisting of two rooms, all as lately possessed by the deceased Robert Sym, writer to the signet. Upset price 120 l. Sterling.

ALSO, That DWELLING-HOUSE, being the undermost flat of the first tenement above the entry to Sym's Close, lying on the north side of the Calton-hill, consisting of three rooms, kitchen, and two cellars, with a small garden backward, and a small graft-plot in front, presently possessed by Mrs Hepburn. Rent 9 l. Sterling. Upset price 105 l. Sterling.

Apply to John Peat, writer in Edinburgh.

Advertisement

To the CREDITORS of ALEXANDER M'GHEIE of Airds.

THAT in the division of the rents and price of the estate of Airds, which belonged to the said Alexander M'Ghie, Laird Hailes, Ordinary, by interlocutor bearing date the 11th day of March current, ordained the following creditors of the said Alexander M'Ghie, for whom John Thomson, writer in Kirkcudbright is ranked as trustee, viz. James M'Court, William Wood, Mr John Gillefie for himself, James M'Nae, William M'Ghie, Mary Bell, Robert Smith, Mr John Gillefie, for behalf of the poor of the parish of Kells, William Halliday and John M'Nish; as also, Robert Dempster, for whom Hugh Corrie writer to the signet is ranked as trustee; and likewise Mr Andrew Yorston, minister of the gospel at Clofesburn, for behalf of his sisters, and the creditors for whom he is ranked as trustee, and John M'Millan for whom he is trustee, and Mary and Agnes Gordon, daughters of the deceased Alexander Gordon of Crago, and William Glendoway husband to the said Agnes Gordon, to depone on the verity of their respective debts, and report their depositions between the 12th day of June next; with certification to such of them as shall fail so to do, their interests will be immediately thereafter struck out of the division, and that they will not be found entitled to draw any part of the funds. And ordained intimation to be made to all concerned, which is now done accordingly.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JAMES THOMSON,

Baker in Edinburgh.

JOHN PEAT writer in Edinburgh, having been chosen trustee for managing the real and personal sequestrated estate of the said James Thomson, hereby requires the whole creditors to lodge with him, the trustee, their claims and vouchers of debt against the bankrupt, with oaths of verity on the same, betwixt and the 5th day of October next, being nine months from the 5th of January last, when the sequestration was awarded, in terms of the statute passed in the 23d year of his present Majesty; certifying such of the creditors who may neglect to comply with this requisition, that they will not be entitled to any share in the first distribution of said estate.

The trustee intreats, that all those who stand indebted to the estate will, without delay, order payment, as actions are immediately to be raised, for recovering the outstanding

First Intimation.

NOTICE is hereby given, That DAVIDSON and PORTEOUS Smiths in Canal Street, whose estate was sequestrated upon the 12th December 1783, in terms of the late statute acent bankrupts, having, in terms of the 43d section of that statute, with concurrence of four fifths of their Creditors, applied to the Court of Session for a discharge of all their debts contracted prior to the date of the said sequestration, the Court, by an interlocutor, dated the 7th current, ordered the application to be publicly notified by three different advertisements, at the distance of one month, in the two newspapers, called the Edinburgh Evening Courant and Caledonian Mercury, that all having interest might object thereto, if they thought fit.

Second Notice—Second Term.

IN the process of Ranking and Sale at the instance of John Smith, presently in the East Indies, and Mungo Smith of Drongan, Esq; his Commissioner, with concurrence of his Majesty's Advocate, against THOMAS HAMILTON of Overton, Esq; and all and sundry the Creditors of the said Thomas Hamilton, the Lord Justice Clerk, Ordinary thereto, by interlocutor dated the 9th of March 1786, assigned the second fide day of June 1786, to the whole creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences competent to them against the bankrupt or his estate, and that for the Second Term; with certification as in a reduction and improbation. And appointed this notice to be given thereof, so as the same may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

O. M. BRUCE, Clerk.

Third Notice—First Term.

THAT in the process of Ranking and Sale, Betty, Mary, and Janet Weir, children and heirs portions of the deceased William Weir of Birkwood, and John Twaddle in Birkwood, husband of the said Betty Weir, James Cameron in Kiphall, husband of the said Mary Weir, and William Wightman baker in Edinburgh, husband of the said Janet Weir, for their interest—Against JAMES THOMSON of South Cumberhead, and James, John, and William Thompsons his sons, and their creditors, the Lord Hailes, Ordinary, by his interlocutor dated the 25th February, and signed the 1st March, of new granted commission and diligence for proving the rental, value, and holding of the subjects under sale, and other points in common form; and of new nominated and appointed the said Lord Hailes, Lord Ordinary himself (who was Lord Ordinary of course when the ranking and sale was first called in Court), to rank the creditors, and assign the first fide day in June next, to the whole creditors of the bankrupts to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences, competent to them respectively, against the bankrupts or their estate, and that for the FIRST TERM; with certification as in a reduction and improbation, and ordained this interlocutor to be inserted in the Edinburgh Evening Courant and Caledonian Mercury, once every week for three weeks successively, immediately after that date, to the end it might come to the knowledge of all the parties concerned.

THOMAS BRUCE, Clerk.

Household Furniture.

To be SOLD at the head of St John's Street, Canongate, the fourth storey in the fore land, and left hand, upon Wednesday the 22d day of March current,

All sorts of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of a set of Drawing-room Furniture, mounted with a copper-plate chintz, Mounted Beds, Down and Feather Beds, Blankets, Sheets, Table Linen, Mahogany Desks and Drawers, a set of Mahogany Joining Tables and Tea Tables, Sconce and Dressing-Glasses, in gilt and japanned frames, an eight-day Clock, Silver Plate, Tea and Table China, Chairs and Gates, a Jack and Lead Cistern, with all sorts of kitchen furniture.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock, and to continue till all be sold.

Mrs PATERSON Auctioneer.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

To be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 22d day of March current, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

The EAST HALF of a TENEMENT of LAND, with a Yard, Barn-yard, Malt-barn, Kiln, and other pertinents, in the south part of the town of Prestonpans, possessed at present by Stewart Hogg, and others, rent 10 l. Sterling, held by feu of the proprietor of Prestonpans, for payment of 10 l. Sterling of feu-duty.

A TENEMENT, with the Yard, Tail, Malt-barn, Kiln, and other pertinents, in the Dam-brac of Musselburgh, extending from the mid-lead on the north to the high road to Newbigging on the south, possessed by John Aitchison distiller, David Moffat, and others, rent 21 l. Sterling, held by burage of the town of Musselburgh. This last either in one or two lots, as purchasers shall appear.

For further particulars, apply to John Keddie farmer in Newbigging, or to Anthony Barclay writer to the signet at Edinburgh, who will shew the title-deeds and conditions of sale.

GROUND near Register-Office

FOR BUILDING UPON.

To be feued, for building upon, by public roup within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 22d day of March 1786, betwixt six and seven afternoon,

That piece of Ground, formerly known by the name of MOWBRAY'S PARK, which stretches about 400 feet along the north side of the road to Leith, from Register-Street to a point nine feet distant from the house lately built by Mr Robertson, and is of mean breadth nearly 90 feet.

The conditions of roup are in the hands of James Thomson, writer to the signet; from whom further information may be had; and Mr Salibury at the Register-Office will shew the ground, and a new elevation, plain and unornamented, of the houses proposed to be erected upon it.

Sale of Lands in Ross-shire.

To be exposed to public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 28th day of June 1786, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

The Lands of WESTER KESSACK, with the mills, teinds, parsonage and vicarage thereof. The lands of Kilmuir, salmon fishing of the Stell of the Nef of Kilmuir, and the lands of Easter Sligo, with the salmon fishing thereof, and the mills of Kilmuir and Easter Sligo, with the teinds, parsonage and vicarage of the same, all lying in the parish of Kilmuir and county of Ross.

The most considerable part of these lands having a south exposure, are pleasantly situated upon the side of the Moray firth. They afford many pleasant situations for building, are within sight of the town of Inverness, from whence they are not distant above two miles, including the ferry of Kefack. They lie in a fertile country abounding with all sorts of game, and are plentifully supplied with all kind of provision from the market of Inverness.

The lands are all let to one tenant, whose tack expires at Whitunday 1788, and the yearly free rent, after deduction of all taxations, is 130 l. Sterling. The greatest part of the lands hold on the Crown, and are valued in the rent books of the county considerably above what is necessary to entitle a proprietor to vote for a member of Parliament, and some part of them hold of the town of Inverness for payment of a trifling feu-duty.

The progress, which is clear, conditions of roup, and plans of the lands, may be seen in the hands of Edward Bruce clerk to the signet.

Lands in Berwickshire.

To be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 28th day of June 1786, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

The estate of WHITSOMHILL, lying within the parishes of Whitton and Ladykirk, and county of Berwick; the lands, which consist of about 1300 acres, are completely inclosed and subdivided, and have good farm-houses. Part of the estate lies along the river Tweed; and the situation of the whole is remarkably beautiful, and within a few miles of the towns of Berwick, Dunfermline, Greenlaw, and Coldstream.

The estate holds of the Crown, and affords several freehold qualifications.

Further particulars will be afterwards advertised.

The title-deeds, articles of roup, and current leases are to be seen in the hands of Mr Robert Trotter writer to the signet.

To be SOLD by auction, at the house of John Campbell vintner in Perth, on Tuesday the 21st day of March 1786, betwixt the hours of twelve and two,

The Estate of LEDNOCK, in the parish of Methven and county of Perth, pleasantly situated on the banks of the Almond, which river runs along the south side of the estate for about a mile, and gives great command of water. There are several falls, which makes it convenient for erecting mills of various kinds, with ground proper for bleaching, and plenty of stone fit for building. The whole is inclosed, and great part subdivided. There is a convenient manor-house, with a good garden and orchard, and some thriving plantations.

Any person chusing to make a private bargain, for further particulars may enquire of Walter Miller writer in Perth, or James Miller writer in Edinburgh.

N. B. The upset price will be 3500 l.

Sale of Lands, or Houses to be Let, In the shire of Peebles.

To be SOLD, the Lands and Barony of HUNDLESHOPE, lying in the parish of Mannor, and shire of Tweeddale, within two miles of the town of Peebles, and twenty-two miles of Edinburgh.

The free rent of this estate is about 250 l. Sterling, and consists of

I. The Farm of HUNDLESHOPE, which contains about 200 acres of arable ground, and 2000 of excellent sheep pasture.

II. The Lands of BELLANRIDGE, containing about 200 acres, all of which may be easily improved.—This farm is very pleasantly situated, stretching from Mannor water to the river Tweed.

III. The Lands of HALYARDS, on which there is a convenient house, a good garden and pigeon-holes, and comprehending the mill-town, mill, and parks.

The whole are held of the Crown, and give a freehold qualification in the county. The proprietor has right to the teinds which are valued, and the stipend has been located within these few years.

If these lands are not sold, the house, garden, offices, and some parks near the house, will be let.

Apply to William Dick writer to the signet.

N. B. The rent will be 3500 l.

LANDS AND SUPERIORITIES

IN THE SHIRE OF EDINBURGH.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 7th day of July 1786, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon.

The Lands and Estate of EASTER DALRY, formerly called Brandyfield, partly property, and partly superiority, with the teinds thereof, lying within the parish of St Cuthbert's, and shire of Edinburgh, in the following lots, viz.

LOT I. To consist of the property lands presently possessed by Mr William Walker, Andrew Dixon, David Rentoul, and James Ewan, containing about fourteen Scotch acres, with the Superiority and Feu-duties of the lands belonging in property to the following persons, viz.

Annual Feu-duty. STERLING.

Mr Robert Semple,	L. 5	9	0	1-3d.
The Representatives of Robert Reid,				
Alexander Robertson,	5	11	1	1-3d.
Mr Walter Biggar,	13	10	10	
James Gordon,	2	15	6	2-3ds.
John Forsyth,	5	12	2	2-3ds.
Duncan Kennedy,	1	7	9	1-3d.
Thomas Kinnell,	10	0	0	
Mrs Gray,	4	2	3½	
Mrs Lizars,	7	7	9	

Amounting all these Feu-duties to L. 58 12 1½

Adding to which the nett rent of the property lands, (including the equivalent) being

68 18 3½

The total free yearly rent and feu-duty will be L. 127 10 5

On this lot is a substantial and convenient mansion-house, a complete set of offices, and a large garden. The house is within a few minutes walk of the New Town of Edinburgh.

LOT II. To consist of the Superiority and Feu-duties of the lands belonging in property as follows, viz.

Annual Feu-duty. STERLING.

To Alex. Fraser Tytler,	L.	s.	d.	Scots.	STERLING.
Esq;	36	13	4	12	5 6 2-3ds.
Lord Colvill,	47	1	8	1	